

# MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

DECEMBER 3, 2019

6:00 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 330 North Main Street, Suite 200, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

**PRAYER:** Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

**ROLL CALL:** Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, Gary Cameron, and Megan Bradley answered roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse and Kraig Younts, *Rushville Republican*.

**MINUTES:** Smith moved to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2019 meeting as presented. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. Christmas on Main was well attended.
2. Joe Peacock will begin moving equipment in on the 16<sup>th</sup> Street site this week.
3. Phase 3 of Cherry Street is in the application phase. We are sending letters of support.
4. Duke Energy reported that the cause of the recent outage was that a squirrel had gotten in the system.
5. The Board of Works received an RFP for drainage on the North Washington project. It was tabled for review.
6. We have had meetings with Duke and HWC on the Overlook area.
7. We have also met with Advance Auto and Dawsons regarding easements.
8. We will be having a class here on 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 for newly elected officials.
9. The Foundation has done a survey for the Lily Foundation Program.
10. Congratulations to Mason Gordon for being a recipient for the Mitchel Scholarship.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:** Copley asked Council to consider Transfer Resolution 2019-36 transferring monies into the landfill line to cover expenses for the remainder of the year. Berkemeier moved to approve Resolution 2019-36. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Copley informed the Department Heads that the final docket will be on the 30th. Bills need to be turned in no later than December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** Council President Smith said he will get a list to the Council of the upcoming appointments.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Stellar Designation** – We have been working with Duke on the Overlook project. Duke has been great to work with in this regard.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Nothing.
- **APC/BZA** – Nothing.
- **Housing** – Joe Peacock and Washington Street are moving forward.
- **ECDC** – Nothing.
- **Cherry Street Extension** – We are putting together the 3<sup>rd</sup> application for Cherry Street that covers each side of Hwy 3 on 200.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Park & Police** – Mayor Pavey reported that the Police Chief was not present due to Police Department conducting a night time drone exercise. Park Director Burklow is a reserve officer and was attending this exercise also.

**Animal** – Director Cottrell said they had worked diligently to adopt their animals or get them in foster care over Thanksgiving. They were successful in this endeavor. They are currently running very low on supplies and are pushing for donations. They have a tree at Kroger requesting specific donations.

**Street** – Commissioner Miller asked for an additional 30 days leave for an employee due to he is still recovering from surgery. He has an appointment on the 19<sup>th</sup> and is hoping after the doctor’s visit that he will be released and may not need the entire 30 days.

**Fire** – Chief Jenkins said ISO will need to reschedule until sometime in January or February.

**Utility** - Les Day reported that they had a water main break by the Police Department. They hope to complete work at the Fish Moon location by the end of the week. Coon is working on Hannah Street.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Street Lights Project** –
  - a) **Individual Easements** - We have requested 2 new easements. Feedback has been positive. All but 4 lights are in.

**b) Feedback Shielding Request**

2. **CCMG Local Roads 8<sup>th</sup> Street** - Vectren will go all the way up to Fort Wayne Road. When they are finished the utilities will put in the new water main.

All other CCMG projects are closed out.

3. **Non-City Property at point 44 and Old Letter Being Reviewed** – Newhouse is putting together a letter for the 2 residents involved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **2020 Utility Budget** – Les Day reviewed the changes in next year's budget. Conner moved to approve the Utility 2020 budget. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Ordinance 2019-25 Utility Wages for 2020** – Cameron moved to approve Ordinance 2019-25. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. **Fuel Bids 2020** – One bid was received from Harvestland. Bridges moved to table for review. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**UPCOMING BUSINESS:**

- **Trash Fee Study** – Information has been provided to Baker Tilly.

**NOTES/UPDATE:**

- **Permitting:**

**Large Commercial**

**Large Residential**

This has been turned over to Councilman Cameron for review.

- **Rushville Flooding Pre-Disaster Grant – Requested Considering of Drainage Study** - We have qualified for the 1<sup>st</sup> pass. We are waiting to see if we move on.

**COMMITTEE:**

1. **Ordinance 2019-14 Downtown Parking Ordinance Revisions** – Mayor Pavey will work with the Police Chief.

2. **Ordinance 2019-18 Bidding Requirements (State Statute Based)-**

We need to put on our form.

3. **Trailer Park Rushville Mobile Home Park** – Newhouse and Jenkins are reviewing.

**CLAIMS AND OCTOBER 2019 BANK RECONCILEMENT** – Bridges moved to approve the claims and October 2019 bank reconciliation as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE:** None.

**ADJOURN:** There was no further business to come before Council; Smith moved to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.